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SUBJECT: THE SOVIETS AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

REF: MOSCOW 6800

1. DURING DISCUSSION AT BREAKFAST HE HOSTED FOR ADMIRAL GAYER MAY 26, PRESIDENT MARCOS SAID THAT THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENTS IN INDOCHINA SEEMED TO HAVE AN APPEAL TO YOUNG FILIPINOS. HE ALSO MUSED ABOUT THE FAVORABLE TREATMENT THESE GOVERNMENTS WERE RECEIVING IN WESTERN MEDIA DESPITE THEIR TOTAL DISREGARD FOR AGREEMENTS AND THEIR OVERT AGGRESSION.

2. I ASKED WHETHER MARCOS THOUGHT YOUNG, IDEALISTIC OFFICERS OF PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES FOUND THE REVOLUTIONARY MODEL APPEALING. MARCOS AND THE SEVERAL SENIOR MILITARY AROUND THE TABLE REPLIED WITH A RATHER UNCONVINCING

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NEGATIVE. I REMINDED MARCOS OF VICTOR CORPUZ. HE

CALLED HIM AN EXCEPTION. I THEN SAID OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW (REFTEL) THOUGHT SUCH OFFICERS WOULD BE A SOVIET TARGET POST-VIETNAM. MARCOS AGAIN SAID HIS OFFICER CORPS WAS IMMUNE.

3. AT THIS STAGE, I POINTED OUT THAT THE PORTUGUESE OFFICER CORPS WAS PROBABLY THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN IMMUNE, BUT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN DEEPLY INFECTED. MARCOS CHANGED THE SUBJECT.

4. EVENING MAY 26, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR TOLD ME THAT THIS DISCUSSION HAD TOUCHED OFF A PROLONGED MEETING OF MARCOS, ENRILE, MELCHOR AND GENERAL ESPINO AFTER WE AMERICANS AND PHILIPPINE SERVICE CHIEFS HAD LEFT THE BREAKFAST TABLE. END RESULT WAS DECISION TO RELIEVE EIGHT SENIOR AFP OFFICERS. SOME OF THEM (SUCH AS ADMIRAL RUIZ) WOULD BE RETIRED FOR AGE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE COVER FOR THOSE WHO WOULD BE RETIRED FOR CAUSE. AMONG THE LATTER WOULD BE AIR FORCE CHIEF RANCUDO, AND TWO P.C. GENERALS, DIAZ AND MONTOYA. ACCORDING TO MELCHOR, MARCOS WILL ANNOUNCE THIS ACTION UPON HIS RETURN FROM CHINA, POSSIBLY AT NATIONAL DAY CEREMONIES JUNE 12.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD SUCH FIRM RESOLVES TO REMOVE CORRUPT OFFICERS BEFORE AND WILL BELIEVE THIS ONE ONLY WHEN WE SEE IT HAPPEN. HOWEVER, MELCHOR'S REPORT SEEMS TO HAVE RING OF AUTHENTICITY.

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